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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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CONSUMER SOCIETY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the definition of a `Co-operative Society` and on which type of Co-operativeSociety will the MRTP Act, 1969 shall not be applicable;

(b) whether this Act only applies on Co-operative Societies manufacturing theirown products and not on consumer cooperative societies indulging in reselling of items procured from open market; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (c): Sub-Sections 3 (g) and 3 (k) of the Multi State Cooperative SocietiesAct (MSCS Act), 1984 gives the following definitions for a `Co-operative Society` and a `Multi-State Co-operative Society`:

3 (g) `Co-operative Society` means a society registered or deemed to be registered under any law relating to co-operative societies for the time being in force in any State.

3 (k) `Multi-State Co-operative Society` means a Society registered or deemed to beregistered under the MSCS Act, 1984 and includes a National Co-operative Society as defined in the 2nd Schedule of the said Act (Sub-Section 3 (m)).

Section 102 of the MSCS Act, 1984 states that the Monopolies & RestrictiveTrade Practices Act (MRTP Act), 1969 shall not apply to Multi State Cooperative Societies. The Multi State Cooperative Societies registered or deemed to beregistered under the provisions of this Act shall not indulge in monopolistic and restrictive trade practices as defined in the MRTP Act, 1969.